



2009 Château Cheval Blanc, 1er Gr Cru Classé St Emilion

Château Cheval Blanc, Bordeaux Wine Region, France

Product details

Vintage:	2009	Drinking:	Now 2040+
Producer:	Château Cheval Blanc	Alcohol:	
Region:	Bordeaux Wine Region	Variety:	Bordeaux blend
Country:	France		

About the producer

Château Cheval Blanc (French for "White Horse Castle"), is a top wine producer in Saint-Émilion with its wine only one of four to receive the highest rank of Premier Grand Cru Classé status in the Classification of Saint-Émilion wine as of 2012.

The château originated in 1832, when Château Figeac sold 15ha to M. Laussac-Fourcaud, including part of the narrow gravel ridge that runs through Figeac and neighboring vineyards and reaches Château Pétrus just over the border in Pomerol. Of note are the medals Château Cheval Blanc won in the International London and Paris Exhibitions in 1862 and 1867, which are still prominent on its labels.

Today, the Château Cheval Blanc benefits from a unique setup with luxury flowing from its roots. In 1998 it was sold to Bernard Arnault, chairman of luxury goods group LVMH and Belgian businessman Albert Frère, with Pierre Lurton installed as estate manager.

The vineyard is considered to have three qualities: one third Pomerol as it is located on the boundary, one third Graves as the soil is gravelly, and the remaining third typical Saint-Émilion. It is spread over 41 hectares, with 37 hectares planted with an unusual composition of grape varieties of 57% Cabernet Franc, 40% Merlot, and small parcels of Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon and the average annual production is 6000 cases of the Grand vin and 2500 cases of the second wine, Le Petit Cheval.